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Maskhadov, quoted by Interfax, said the attack on Grozny had Yandarbiyev's blessing. "The actions in Grozny have a single aim — showing that the war in Chechnya is not over yet," he said.

Correction

Donovan Bailey's car was stolen

In The Saturday Star, a letter to the editor falsely reported that world-record sprinter Donovan Bailey stole a car last year. In fact, the car was stolen from Bailey.

The Star regrets the error.

Then she lost consciousness, and when she awoke, her first thoughts were, "God help me, mother help me," recalled Thurlow, a social worker who has lived in Metro since 1962. "Someone in the darkness started saying, 'Don't give up, don't give up.'"

She was just 13 years old and in Grade 8, and was shocked at how numb she felt as she watched the horrifying spectacle around her.

Her sister and her sister's young child were recognizable only by their voices, and when death claimed them it seemed merciful, Thurlow said.

She added she can never forget the image of their bodies burning in a pit as Japanese sol-